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ORLANDO RESIDENTS CHARGED WITH INCOME TAX EVASION

Orlando, Florida - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez today announced the unsealing of an indictment charging RICHARD H. MACLEAN, JR., a 59 year old resident of Orlando, Florida, and his wife, MARY ANN MACLEAN, a 60 year old resident of Orlando, Florida, with five counts of income tax evasion. The maximum penalties the MACLEANS face if convicted on all counts are 25 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$1.25 million.

According to the Indictment, for the calendar years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003, the MACLEANS received taxable income and owed income taxes, but failed to file an income tax return or pay income taxes for those years as required by law, and concealed and attempted to conceal from the IRS their correct income. It is alleged that the MACLEANS utilized a bogus trust for the purpose of concealing the ownership of the income; made withdrawals from the trust in the form of checks to cash; paid all personal living expenses by cash or money orders; titled personal assets in the names of bogus nominee trusts to conceal the ownership of the assets; and endorsed checks using the language "Foreign Trust Proceeds" to conceal the source of their income and assets.

The Indictment also alleges that the total amount of unreported income on the MACLEANS' personal income tax returns for the years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 \$504,102.05, and the total amount of unpaid income tax relating to that income is \$107,109.00.

An Indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

The case was investigated by Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney I. Randall Gold.